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Petition To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Claim For The Benefit Of A Prior-Filed Application

This Petition is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 78 for the purpose of claiming priority based on U.S. Application 10/264,937 (now Patent 6,879,695 issued April 12, 2005). More particularly, applicants desire to amend this application to recite that it is a continuation-in-part of said Application 10/264,937 filed October 3, 2002.

An amendment responding to the Office Action dated 01/31/2006 is enclosed.

Applicants state that the entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due under Rule 78 and the date of this Petition was unintentional.

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Prompt favorable consideration of this Petition is courteously requested. If for any reason, this Petition is considered deficient, the examining attorney is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney to expedite resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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